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"Our Work is to Provide Us a Better Place to Live Together"

SMNA Annual Meeting

Thursday November 3, 2005 6:30 p.m.

Erickson School Library

Election of Officers

All positions are up for grabs —

This is your chance to take charge and meet the challenge of this neighborhood!

We are looking for young people, baby boomers and mature adults to make decisions that will impact our area by working with the City of Tucson, your neighbors and Erickson School.

The Association must continue in the event that issues surface which need to be addressed. We need officers in order to continue! If there are no candidates for officers, there will be a vote to disband the Association at this meeting.

Please call if you are interested in a position or being on the ad hoc committee to find candidates. Don't let the neighborhood lose...

Call Bev Elcess at 571-0845

WELCOME to Our New Principal!!!

Erickson's new principal arrives with a wealth of experiences in elementary and middle school education in TUSD and in Colorado. **Helen LePage** grew up in Casa Grande and attended the U of AZ. She taught all grades through 9th grade honors program.

LePage was also a resource person in the areas of bi-lingual, literacy, mentoring coordinator, and was an elementary school Assistant Principal. She retired from the Colorado school system returned to Tucson and held the positions in TUSD as Resource Specialist in the northwest region. She came to Erickson from the Office of Professional Development and Academics.

NEW ACADEMIC INTERVENTION PROGRAM IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Understanding Erickson's intervention plan will help parents support their child's education Mrs. LePage arrived at Erickson along with the state mandate in response to the Bush law, No Child Left Behind. This law states that all children shall learn to read by the 3rd grade. Mrs. LePage initiated the school's intervention plan which will promote TUSD's goals of having each student in TUSD proficient in reading, writing and math by providing the time and opportunity to do so. According to Mrs. LePage, the bottom line is how the school will respond when students do not learn.

We welcome Mrs LePage and the much needed intervention program at Erickson.

Need help with costs of cooling, water?

If you're elderly or in a low-income family needing repairs, there's help available:

- Community Home Repair Projects of Arizona, 745-2055
- Pima County Community and Economic Development Program, 243-6777
- Chicanos por La Causa, 882-0018
- Tucson Urban League, 791-9522

ANOTHER KILLER CRAZE

DUSTING gives a slight high for about 10 seconds. It makes you dizzy. It's not just compressed air. It also contains a propellant called R2. It's a refrigerant like what is used in your refrigerator. It is a heavy gas and heavier than air.

When you inhale it, it fills your lungs and keeps the good air, with oxygen, out. That's why you feel dizzy, buzzed. It decreases the oxygen to your brain, to your heart. It can't just hurt you.

IT KILLS YOU!!

The horrible part about this is there is no warning. There is no level that kills you. It's not cumulative or an overdose; it can just go randomly, terribly wrong anytime you try it.

IT'S NOT AN OVERDOSE. You don't die later, or not feel good and say I've had too much. You usually die as you're breathing it in. If not, you usually die within 2 seconds of finishing "the hit."

The experts want to call this huffing. There is no chemical reaction, no strong odor. It doesn't follow the usual huffing signals. The propellant also causes frostbite.

Using Dust Off, or similar products, isn't new and some "professionals" do know about it. It just isn't talked about much, except by the kids. They all seem to know about it. You should know about it for your kids' sake.

Community Justice Board Active in Stella Mann

This program is a community based approach to reducing juvenile crime. The Community Justice Board (CJB) is an alternative to the traditional juvenile court system. This process gives the victim a voice in the justice system; it provides opportunities for youth to admit their offense, be held accountable and repair any harm they have caused in their community.

The juveniles, 1st and 2nd time offenders, who voluntarily agree to participate and admit to the charges, are eligible to go through the program. Referable misdemeanor offenses may be graffiti, theft, shoplifting, truancy, simple assault, and minor drug violations.

The CJB presently consists of eight members from the community. We foresee a board of twenty to serve in various positions. The board meets two evenings a month averaging 2-4 hours for each court date. We need you, residents of our community, to help us make a difference in the lives of the youth and their families.

Volunteers must complete an application, be fingerprinted and submit to criminal background check. All will receive a twelve hour training session.

We have a position for you!! If you can make a six month commitment and meet the above requirements, please call Bev at 571-0845.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Child Abuse Kid Hotline (Toll Free) 888-676-2445

Truancy Officer 617-6100

Police Comment & Junk Cars 791-4051

For Trash - Waste Management 791-3170
791-3175

Parents Anonymous 800-352-0528

Erickson School 584-5000

Utterback School 225-3500

Palo Verde High 584-7400

Graffiti cover-up 747-0241

Pima County Air Quality (website) 882-4247
www.AirInfoNow.org

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STELLA MANN TERRORISM EVENT**Preparing for the Unexpected**

The one disaster not mentioned in a survey returned by parents of Erickson students two year ago, was the act of terrorism. The possibility that any community could be a target, makes being prepared seem unattainable. However, there are preparations that each resident can make to have some degree of control and feeling of security.

1. Create an emergency communication plan. Choose a contact that does not live in Tucson and make sure each member of your family has the telephone number. This is to relay notification of everyone's welfare and location.
2. Establish a meeting place away from your home where your family can gather. Children may be in school and parents at work during an attack. It is important that parents know the school's emergency plan for disaster events. Make sure the schools have current names and numbers of caregivers or designated persons who pick up our children.
3. In the event of an attack you could be evacuated or locked down in your home. Prepare by maintaining supplies for sustenance and medical needs.
4. After preparing for your family's safety and security as well as possible, please keep in mind any vulnerable neighbors who may need help in case of emergency.

The association has a partial list of those who are elderly or disabled that volunteers can check on in times of emergency. Please call 571-0845 to add names to that list.

ILLEGALPOSTING

Please do not post handbills or flyers on utility poles, traffic signs, or public buildings, including school property. City ordinance states that companies, organizations, and individuals can fined for doing so.

****ANYONE CAN REMOVE THESE SIGNS AND WE URGE YOU TO DO SO TO PREVENT LITTERING IN THE NEIGHBOORHOOD.**

JUNQUE CARS

Tucson Police Dept suggests that residents should be informed that their address will be sent to TPD if there is a disabled car or a car with expired tags on their property, or a car sitting in the street. A police officer will contact you for removal. You can donate your car to a non-profit organization for free removal. Such as: Junque for Jesus or Jewish Community Center.

LAND AND COMMUNITY PLANNING

There is a 3-1/2 acre land vacancy at the SE corner of Langley and Golf Links Rd between the River of Life Baptist Church and the Alamo Wash. The owner of this property is in the process of rezoning a portion for automotive service use; another portion for retail or restaurant use; and the rear portion of the property for classrooms associated with the River of Life Baptist Church.

An access easement will be maintained along the west bank of Alamo Wash for pedestrian and bicycle access to Golf Links Road.



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STELLA/MANN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC. MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership dues are \$5.00 per family, any donation above that amount would be gladly accepted and appreciated. Dues are for the current year and ALL dues expire on December 31 and need to be renewed for the following year.

Date _____ Original membership \$5.00 _____ Renewal membership \$5.00 _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Spouse's First Name _____ MI _____

Address _____ Apt. _____ Tucson, AZ 85730

Home phone (520) _____ Email Address _____

We are looking for volunteers! Please check the item you would like to volunteer for SMNA.

Childcare for Meetings _____
Hospitality Committee _____
Neighborhood Clean-up _____
Baking _____

Transportation _____
Newsletter Staff _____
Telephone Calls _____
Skills _____

Do you have any suggestions for the Neighborhood Association? Do you have any program suggestions?

Do you have any suggestion for speakers of interest?

Please make checks payable to Stella/Mann Neighborhood Association, Inc. and mail this form to :

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